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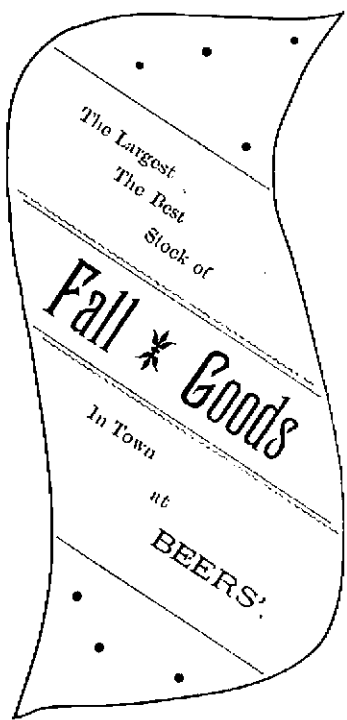
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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

They Open Monday with Prospects of a Large Attendance.

The schools of Rhinelander will open Monday with excellent prospects of a very successful year. The various school buildings have been put into shape during the summer, the board having taken every precaution to have the buildings in proper condition to insure the pupils health and the teachers proper convenience and assistance. The corps of teachers engaged is a gratifying feature to parents and all interested in the school's welfare. Prof. Peterson, the principal, comes here with the best of recommendations, and his assistant, Miss Oakey, who held the same position last year, is known to be a capable and painstaking teacher. Misses Spencer, Crowe, Markham, Griswold, Morrison and Pascal, all of whom were employed in the city schools last year are competent and popular with both parents and pupils. The new faces in the list of teachers, Misses Ellen and Mary Minnehan, Misses Levaque, Lord, Newman and Cooney are all teachers of experience elsewhere and the board engaged them only after thoroughly satisfying themselves of the applicants' competency. The enrollment is expected to be larger than ever before, and the board are of the opinion that it will be the banner year with Rhinelander schools. A good school is a recommendation for any city or town secondary to none. We have kept pace with the fast increasing demands for room and Rhinelander to-day has five school buildings which would do credit to cities of much larger size. The schools should be a source of pride to all and every parent in the city should take an interest in having them successful. A visit occasionally from parents has an inspiring and beneficial effect on the scholars and a little such moral help is of inestimable aid to a teacher in securing good results.

TWO FINE GAMES WON.

Wausau Defeated 2-1, and Antigo again Shut Out.—The Club on a Trip.

Thursday's game with Wausau was the most exciting ever played here. Not a run was scored until the sixth inning when an easy fly ball from Donavin's bat was allowed to drop safe, giving the runner second. He went to third on a sacrifice by Boreland and scored on a low pitch which bounded over the catcher's head. In the home team's half of the same inning McIndoe worked his old gag of getting hit by a pitched ball. He promptly stole second and went to third on a passed ball. After two men were retired on strikes Stratton brought McIndoe in with a hot one to short, which Donavin stopped, but could not handle in time to catch the runner at first. No more scores were made until the last half of the ninth inning. After Stratton had retired on a long fly to the field, Donavin lined the ball against the left field fence for two bases, and when Wausau's second baseman threw the ball to the umpire instead of the pitcher, he went to third. Clausen hit the ball to Palmer who waited 'til too late to catch Clausen and then throw wild to third allowing the winning run to score. It was a great pitchers game, both Clausen and Palmer doing fine work. Wausau has a great aggregation of players, but the exhibition they gave trying to hit Clausen was very much the color of a snowflake. Bellis, Lee and McCrossen, the three Wausau men with them, play their positions fully as well as their imported material and Lee outbatted them all here.

Antigo came up Sunday with a good team and were defeated in a pretty game by a score of two to nothing. Jacobson, formerly of the O. F. Ws pitched for Antigo and Smith was in center field for them. It was the quickest game ever played here, the fielding on both sides being sharp and the hits scarce. Antigo got but one hit off Clausen, who struck out fourteen.

The home club leaves for the south to-morrow noon, for three games. They play Antigo Friday afternoon and from there they go to Wausau for two games on Saturday and Sunday.

The Wausau papers are extremely wrought because the Rhinelander correspondent for the Sentinel, Mr. Guldager, only reported the winning game from here. It must be surprising to Wausau. The Sentinel files would indicate that they never lost a game—but whenever they win the intelligence that they have won the state championship by defeating so-and-so is wired to the Sentinel before sunset. Wausau should not feel sorry, its quite a thing for Rhinelander to do up Wausau and as long as we have

a few days to crow, stand back and give us a chance. Don't get mad about it.

Jim Lawless will umpire the games this week. Wausau is looking for players who can bat Clausen. They have signed Thorp, of the Appleton league club. The team is playing some remarkably close games lately. In the last four games the total score made by all is only 10.

Excursion to Wausau.

Those wishing to go to Wausau Sunday to see the ball game can do so without losing any unnecessary time. An excursion train with coaches sufficient to accommodate all who desire to go, will leave the M. L. S. & W. depot at 7:00 a. m. Sunday morning, returning the same evening, leaving Wausau at 7:00 p. m. The fare will be put at the remarkably low figure of \$2.00 for the round trip, much less than half fare. It is expected that between one hundred and fifty and two hundred will go from here.

Free Lectures.

On next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Sept. 9th and 10th, at the M. E. church, Oella Brown will speak on the "Safeguards of the Republic." The subject is of the first importance. The speaker is pronounced by many who have heard her, one of the ablest lecturers in America. Admission free. A collection will be taken.

Hose Company Dance.

The members of Alert Hose company decided at their last meeting to give a social dance at the Grand opera house on the evening of September 11. Excellent music will be on hand to furnish the inspiration, and the company boys guarantee a pleasant evening for all who attend.

There is a new law upon the statute books of this state, entitled an act to secure the better preservation of game, and sportsmen should get it into their heads early in the season, before they get into trouble. It is as follows: "It shall be unlawful to hunt with dog or dogs, any quail, partridge, pheasant or ruffed grouse, prairie hen or prairie chicken sharp tailed grouse or grouse of any other variety, for a period to two years from and after the first day of September, 1891." The law also provides for a fine, on conviction, of not less than \$5 or more than \$75. The law also prohibits hunting deer with dogs at any time.

The ladies of the Congregational Society will give a "Yellow Tea" Wednesday evening, Sept. 9, in the Church parlors. In connection with which a reception will be given to the Rev. Mr. Humphrey and wife. Supper will be served all the evening, commencing at six o'clock, price twenty-five cents. All are cordially invited to come.

Sheriff Mike Walsh, of Milwaukee county, was here last Saturday after a man, but he did not get him. He had gone to Milwaukee the day before. The case promises to be an exceedingly sensational one, as the man is well known in Milwaukee and in the north.

Jas. Harrigan is doing a good business in life insurance. He represents one of the best companies in the country and is thoroughly reliable. His territory includes all of Northern Wisconsin now, and he started this week on an extended trip.

If you want a good suit, an overcoat, or pair of pants, go to H. Ritzmann, merchant tailor, and examine his stock. He can fit you to perfection, at the lowest prices. Remember the place—Wolcott's photograph gallery.

We acknowledge the receipt of a complimentary ticket to the Great District Fair to be held at Stevens Point from September 8 to 11. The directors have spared no pains to make this surpass all previous ones.

Mark Shafer has just received a large selection of overcoats adapted for fall and winter wear. Call and inspect his stock before purchasing elsewhere.

W. H. Ferguson, who has been bill clerk at Antigo the past two years, has accepted the position of cashier for the Lake Shore Road, in place of Ted Yapp, resigned.

The largest and finest stock of fall and winter underwear ever shown in Rhinelander, at M. W. Shafer's clothing emporium.

A warm supper will be given by the Willing Helpers at the Congregational church parlors Friday eve, from six until nine o'clock.

Bay berries by the case of W. L. Beers & Co., they weigh from 5 to 10 pounds more per case than berries bought elsewhere.

Wanpaca is getting to be quite a sporting town. They have only four race tracks within two miles of the city limits.

THE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS.

One-Half of the Thousand Dollar contribution Paid this week. Work begun.

The Oneida County Mechanical and Agricultural Society's grounds are being put into shape rapidly under supervision of A. W. Brown, of the county board committee. Nearly the entire track has been cleared of trees, and before winter sets in the track will be practically completed. The soil is the firmest that can be found in this vicinity and when done the course will be a very good one. One thousand dollars was subscribed by citizens of Rhinelander to give the Association a boost and one half of the amount subscribed is paid in this week, to apply on the ground payment and settle necessary disbursements. The land was purchased from Olat Swan and is a part of the homestead which he proved up on recently. A year from now the first annual exhibition of the society will be held.

The "Soo" Line will have on sale Tuesday, August 25, and on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Tuesdays, thereafter during continuance of the Exposition but not later than September 24, 1891, good to return on or before Monday following date of sale. Round trip tickets from Rhinelander to Minneapolis and return at the rate of \$9.65. This includes admission to the Exposition. Further information can be had at the "Soo" depot.

C. M. CHAMBERS, Agt.

The M. L. S. & W. R'y Co. will sell excursion tickets to Milwaukee and return at rate of \$8.06 for round trip, admission ticket included, on account of Milwaukee Industrial Exposition to be held at Milwaukee Sept. 24 to Oct. 17th, 1891. Sale of tickets commences Tuesday, September 1. Tickets will be sold Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, good for return not later than Monday following date of sale, except that during the State Fair season, Sept. 14 to 19 tickets will be sold Sept. 13 to 19 inclusive good for return until Sept. 21, 1891. W. E. ASHROS, Agt.

Gents' furnishing goods at Shafer's. For dry wood, enquire of B. L. Dimick.

Frank Alexander, of Hurley, spent Sunday in our town.

Next Monday our city schools open for the fall term.

Miss Jessie Horr has returned from visit in York state.

J. Demars was in Merrill last Saturday on business.

Baby carriages all the styles—all prices—at Hildebrand's.

No more trout fishing this year, as the law closed the first.

Rev. D. C. Savage preached to the prisoners at the jail last Sunday.

Prices on photographs lower than ever at Wolcott's new gallery.

Conductor Meagher, of the Soo, is visiting friends in town this week.

Clyde Bronson is visiting his old home, Big Rapids, Mich., this week.

Miss Mert Combs, of Royalton, is in this city, the guest of Mrs. Irvin Gray.

W. W. Blinn, Antigo's popular postmaster, was in our city last Thursday.

Frank Kretlow is learning the druggists' business at J. J. Reardon & Co.'s.

Parish Nichols and Will Ogden are duck hunting down on the Pelican this week.

Mrs. P. F. Curran, of Wausau, is in Rhinelander visiting friends and relatives.

Jessie Hall, of Ironwood, came down to help the Antigo boys play ball Sunday.

E. L. Dimick has dry wood, long or short, for sale. Delivered to any part of the city.

Teachers' examinations have been in progress at the High School building this week.

Trunks and valises of all styles and descriptions and at all prices for sale at M. W. Shafer's.

Mrs. Irvin Gray entertained a company of young people Friday evening, in honor of Miss Combs.

The duck hunting season began Tuesday and a number of local sportsmen are improving the chance.

Chris Eby and N. T. Baldwin captured between three and four hundred trout at Kirtin one day last week.

Miss Nellie McCabo, a former teacher in our schools, departed for her home in Oshkosh Monday.

A. C. Bitch went to Grand Rapids to accompany his family home, who have been visiting there the past month.

The ladies of the Congregational society are making elaborate preparations for a "yellow tea," which will be served in the church parlors next Monday evening.

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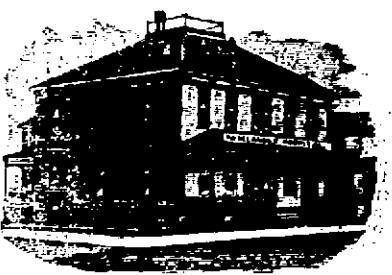
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THE OCTOBER

A STORY OF SLAVERY DAYS.

BY MISS M. E. BRADDOCK.

terrible, inextinguishable, if employed for the latter—the power of a great intellect and an unyielding will.

"Pauline!" exclaimed Camilla, "you are an enigma."

"No," answered the governess, her clear blue eyes shining, "I am a girl, with suppressed emotion."

"Injured?"

"Yes, you, whose life has been smooth as yonder river, sleeping beneath the sunbeams that gild its breast—

—have never known what it is to writh beneath a sense of injury;—that your whole existence has been blighted by the crimes of others. There are wrongs that can transform an angel to a fiend; so do not wonder when you see me cold, heartless, and unresponsive to the events of my youth. I said that I would one day tell you my story. Shall I tell it to you now?"

"Yes, Pauline, yes; if it is not painful to you."

"It is painful; but I feel a strange pleasure in the pain. I gnash my teeth at the remembrance of the old and bitter wrongs; but I love to recall them, for the thought of them makes me strong. Have you ever wondered at my past history, Camilla?"

"Never."

"I was born beneath a princely roof, cradled in the luxury of a palace; the man I called my father was a duke—the woman, whose gorgeous beauty shrouded my infancy, was a duchess."

"They were your parents?" exclaimed Camilla.

"I was taught to think so. They were of the Italian race, and sprung from one of the most powerful families of the south—a family whose pride had become a proverb throughout Italy."

"They had been married for some years, and had grown weary of hoping for an heir to the ancient name which, if they had died without posterity, would have become extinct. Disappointed in this hope of perpetuating his name, the duke had grown indifferent to his beautiful wife; nay, something worse than indifference had arisen—something bordering on dislike, which, in spite of his efforts, he was unable to conceal. The duchess, on the other hand, most as noble as that of her husband, she was a haughty and imperious woman, and she was not slow to perceive this change in the manner of the duke. She discovered, that in the very prime of her youth and beauty, she had been deceived by her husband. The bitterness of this discovery changed her very nature. Every day she grew more haughty, more exacting, more capricious. She shut herself from the gay world in which she had been educated, and abandoned herself to a quiet but terrible despair."

"Poor woman, she suffered!" murmured Camilla.

"She did. She was wronged, but it did not make her more pitiful to others when their time of suffering came. It hardened her nature, and made her merciless, as all injustice must ever do. The duke observed this gloomy silence—this dumb despair. He could not restore to her an affection which he no longer felt; but he sought to revive her spirits by pleasures of sense, and by those hollow pleasures which are the sole resource of the idle."

"Vain solace! Poor lady, she was indeed to be pitied."

"Ay, but her haughty soul would have rejected pity as the dearest wrong. The duke, in Italy, and took her to Paris, where, in the midst of the gay and frivolous, she might forget her domestic griefs; but in France, as in Italy, she refused to share in the pleasures of the world of rank and fashion, and obstinately shut herself in her own chamber."

"Yet she did not die! Strange that such sorrow could not kill!"

"Sorrow does not kill. Even her beauty suffered no diminution. It was still in the full splendor of its luxuriance, dark, proud, commanding, queen-like. Had you ever heard of Paris? Have you ever heard of the mysteries of that wonderful city, in which almost every street has its secret, known only to the initiated in the winding ways of civilization? There, after the arrival of the duke and duchess in Paris, an event occurred which changed the whole current of their lives."

"And that event was—"

"Apparently a very simple one: the lady's maid of the duchess was a rivaling girl, who had herself been educated in France, but who had never before tasted the delights of the brilliant capital. She was intoxicated with rapture, and she ventured even to express her admiration for Paris in the presence of the young duchess. Among the other wonders of this marvellous city, Jeanette, as the girl was called, spoke of a fortune-teller who had related to her some of the events of her past life, and whom she looked upon as a powerful magician."

"But surely the duchess did not listen to this peasant girl's foolish tale!"

"She did! Dearly, perhaps, terribly near akin to madness. She listened at first from pure abstraction, scarce knowing what she heard; but afterward eagerly. She asked the girl a thousand questions about this fortune-teller, and finally it was agreed upon between the mistress and maid that the woman should visit the duchess late on the following night, when the duke was absent at political assemblies, and all the attendants of the establishment had retired to rest."

"Henceforth," exclaimed Camilla, "Grief is sometimes capricious. The duchess, doubtless, was ashamed of her own folly, but she wished to hear what this woman would say of the future, which seemed so dark. What if she were to prophesy the coming of an heir to that haughty house—as her whose coming would restore all the power of the now neglected wife? The duchess passed the following day in a state of restless excitement, eager for the coming hour which was to bring the fortune-teller."

"It was nearly midnight when Jeanette admitted the woman by a private door at the bottom of the grand staircase."

"There was something terrible in the look of the woman who crept with stealthy and silent tread over the luxurious carpets of that palace-like shade, this old and haggard, her yellow skin disfigured by innumerable wrinkles, her gray hair falling in elf locks about her low and narrow forehead. Her small eyes were surrounded by red and inflamed circles, and almost hidden by the heavy eyebrows which projected over her eyes. Her mouth was fringed with terrible gray bristles; her mouth disfigured by two enormous teeth, which reached the length of half an inch. She was a creature calculated to inspire dis-

gust and terror, and she seemed grim more horrible by contrast with the elegance around her, as she entered the superb apartments of the duchess."

"There is little doubt that the maid, Jeanette, had told this woman all the secrets of her mistress. Her task, therefore, was all over, and she described the troubles of the past, and forecast that, before the year had elapsed, a child would be born to the duke and duchess. On hearing this prophecy from the lips of a miserable haggard, the haughty duchess fell at her feet, and burst into an hysterical flood of tears."

"The woman saw in that moment the first dim foreboding of a future crime. A week afterward she came again at the same hour. This time she saw the duchess alone, and remained with her for so long a period that Jeanette's curiosity was excited. She contrived to overhear the interview."

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...you red-headed scoundrel! I said as I made a dash for the door. "A general scuffle ensued, and I gave him a few well-aimed blows, when, to my horror, a policeman rushed in and collared me roughly as if I had been a criminal. "What's this all about?" he demanded of the clerk, who was blind with rage. "Arrest that man and take him to the station-house, and I will go down and make a charge against him." "But let me explain," I cried, in a loud tone. "Explanations at the station-house," said the officer, as he dragged me into the street, where a crowd of idlers had already gathered to see the fun. "As I reached the sidewalk I saw the carriage drive off at a rapid rate. I learned afterward that Clotilda became alarmed for her own safety, and promised the driver a liberal reward if he would drive to her house. This mad matter was, for it looked as if she was an accomplice of mine, and led for fear of arrest.

"Imagine the state of my feelings as I was marshaled through the streets, with five hundred wretches yelling all around me! When we reached the police station the usual preliminaries were gone through. The restaurant keeper appeared, and made a charge against me of 'swindling and deliberate assault without provocation.' "I told my story, but of course it went for nothing, as the policeman gave his evidence in affirmative of the charges. Of course I was walked off to a cell to wait the night in thinking over my troubles.

"In the morning, after being escorted before a police justice, I was tried and fined ten dollars. I telegraphed to my assistance and paid the fine. I went home to my boarding house, and as luck would have it, the people in the house were ignorant of my adventures during the night. I suppose they thought I had been on a spree, but they said nothing, and I did not enlighten them.

"That evening I made up my mind to call upon my dear Clotilda and her parents, for the purpose of explaining my conduct. All through the day I had been feeling nervous, which, for the most part, lies and equivocations. When I reached the door my heart beat so strongly that I felt my carriage giving way, and I stood on the stoop for several minutes before I could summon sufficient courage to ring the bell.

"When the girl came to the door I asked if Miss Swan was at home. She said 'yes,' and politely asked me to 'take a seat in the parlor.' "In a few moments the servant reappeared, bearing a card with the compliments of her mistress. I glanced at the card, and on it was written, in a clear, delicate hand:

"You got me into a bad way, but I will not pay for your supper! If not I will lead you the necessary amount. C. S." "I made a dash for the door, and was soon in the street, fearing lest the father should appear and kick me out of the house.

"And now, my dear boy, do you wonder that I am still a bachelor? My advice to you is—beware of sailing under false colors!"—D. J. Flaherty, in N. Y. Weekly.

COTTAGE NAMES.
The curious nomenclature that prevails at the Hotel Maine Resort.
The cottage nomenclature of Bar Harbor, says a letter from that place, is interesting, and all sorts of odd, fantastic, appropriate and inappropriate names are given the summer homes.

The name "cottage" itself is peculiarly inappropriate when applied to some of these great baronial castles, erected at a cost of more than one hundred thousand dollars, built of stone or coated with pebbledash or stucco.

Some of the names are: "Brier-bloom," "Meadowbridge," "Abundant," "Marigold," "Egmont," "Marvella," "Birch Point," "Devil-stone," "Fernside," "Yellow House," "Mikawa," "Red Point," "Alaba," "Chateau," "Armadillo," "Sleep-ways," "Briarfield," "Bagatelle," "Geystone," "Villa Mary," "Gwyn's Cliff," "The Sea Urchin," "Gwyn's Vista," "Clovercroft," "Mainstay," "The Mossings," "Bendenset," "Barnmouth," "The Barnards," "Jay-mouth," "Witch-Clyffe," "Songster," "Fun Hill," "Homewood," "Dovean," "Highbrook," "Stunwood," "Nasturtium," "Mossy Hall," "Bany-Brynn," "Wyandotte," "Teviot," "Tangle-wood," "Kebo," "Primrose," "The Eagle," "The Crags," "Shingle," "Springwood," "Ingleside," "Chir-lstone," "Oldfarm," "Bendcroft," "Glenwood," "Albion," "Chautau," "Domestic Lodge," "The Tides," "Sat-lair," "Far Niente," "The Bony," "The Lodge," "Crow's Nest," "Red-wood," "Ledge Hollow," "Rockham," "Dutch Cottage," and many others.—Chicago Times.

How He Did It.
"Darling," he murmured, "do you remember the night I left you six years ago, vowing that I would not look you in the face again until I counted myself worthy? To-night, my queen, I am a rich man. Tell me again that you do indeed love me." "I do," she answered, as she lay back in his strong arms and sighed as she thought of the long, weary years she had waited for him to return. "But tell me, dear, how you made your fortune."

"That is easily done," he replied, smiling. "After I left the house that night I hardly entered a cab, but had not driven a block when the driver fell off the box in an apoplectic fit."

"And then?" she questioned, anxiously.
"And then," he went on, with an exultant ring in his voice, "I took his place."—Life.

Which Is Correct?
Of course Detroit can successfully claim some of the very sweetest and prettiest and most natural and bright girls that ever drew the breath of life, but all of them are not quite up to the standard.

"Mamma," said one of these not-quite-ups, "it is proper to say that a horse is limbed in his fore-limbs, or bow-limbed in his fore-legs."

And the good mother looked up from her work of sewing a reinforcement on the seat of Johnnie's pants and never said a word, but, oh, that look.—Detroit Free Press.

"Is that horse the one that was at the insulting and I lost all con-

FOR DOMESTIC USES.

An Interesting Chapter on Electricity in the Household.

How the Servant-Girl Problem May Eventually Be Solved—Little Luxuries Which in the Course of a Short Time Will Become Necessities.

(Special Correspondence.)

The constant and increasing demand for power to supply the needs of our complicated civilization, together with the failure of physical strength under such conditions, has forced electricity into service as a substitute for muscular strength in nearly every line of manufacture. This has solved a difficult problem, and has opened the way for one as important and needful, viz., the use of this power in the household. Some of the appliances brought into use within the last year are so suggestive of the future utility of this agent that to hopeful minds the possibility of solving, by this method, the servant-girl question seems feasible. The first application of electricity for domestic use was the bell, which was first used early in the century. The pressure of a finger on a button calls in contact two strips of metal and completes a circuit, forming an electrical endless chain from the battery through the wires, bell and communicator. The whole circuit gives a passage to a current of electricity and becomes charged with magnetic power.

By an accumulation of wire as a cord about a horseshoe bar of iron, the power is increased locally to attract the bell-hammer, and by a simple device a blow on the bell is relayed.

A similar electro-magnet in the communicator releases, by its pull, a shutter indicating the room from which the call came.

Simple designs for controlling the temperature in houses heated by steam, hot air, or water have proved to be of practical value in the saving of fuel, and in the added comfort of evenly-heated rooms. In each room an automatic thermometer is placed, which makes a contact as soon as a required point of temperature is reached.

It is so arranged that the contact electro-magnetically cuts off the supply of heat from the chamber. As the room cools when the temperature falls below the required limit, the thermometer breaks the circuit and the heat is readmitted.

This thermostat is made by riveting side by side two strips of different materials, such as brass and rubber, which expand at different degrees of heat. This composite strip is warped by the changes of temperature which affect differently the free extremities of the components, until the effect is magnified into considerable range of movement.

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When that time comes women will find time to plan new devices and the servant girl be a memory of the past. If electricity does not supply the actual labor, it will doubtless be a powerful factor in supplying the increasing needs of our increasing population. It which takes heavy burdens from the shoulders of overworked men and women but by its increasing utility child labor in factories should and will be done away with.

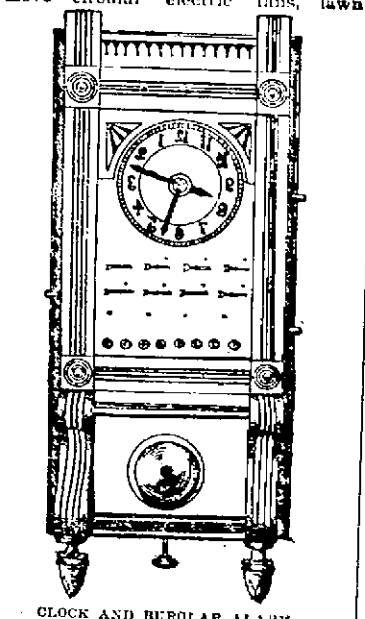
Legal Note.
A young man of about eighteen years of age had occasion to shoot a friend with whom he had personal difficulty. He was arrested and brought to Austin for trial. As he had no money to hire a lawyer, the court appointed a member of the Austin bar to defend him. As the jury was being selected, the lawyer asked his client if he knew of any cause why any of them should be challenged. "Not yet," was the whispered reply; "but if they find me guilty, I've got a brother who will challenge the last one of 'em. You can challenge the judge if you want to, but I want to attend to the sheriff myself."—Texas Sittings.

A Sad Disappointment.
First Highwayman—Why do yer look so glum, Bill?
Second Highwayman (surveying the spoils with disgust)—It's rather good, by gosh! Dat was a fatter feller than de cly we jest held up.—Judge.

A Rehearsal.
First Young Lady—What are you crying for so bitterly, my darling?
Second Ditto—'I'm only rehearsing, dear. My branch of promise case comes off to-morrow. I'm crying over it now.

the electric mains and then completing the circuit with the gearing of the machine. In a house thus supplied the weakest girl may sit at a table on which the machine rests, the tiny motor under the wheel supplying power which runs the machine.

In houses where there is an electric motor this force may be successfully employed to pump water, run elevators, move circular electric fans, lawn



CLOCK AND BURNER ALARM.

mowers and do churning. It has also been used to black shoes. In a few instances it has been attached to parlor organs and automatic pianos, and this power has also been utilized to furnish a substitute for the black-faced, white-aproned waiter. A miniature railroad track encircles the table within easy access of each guest and thence on an ornamental trestlework disappears through an opening into the pantry.

The dishes, electrically signaled for by the hostess, come in on little trucks fitted with small motors. These trucks stop automatically before each guest, who, after feeling himself, presses a button which sends the truck on to his neighbor. After all are served the truck quickly and silently rushes through the shutter which is lifted to allow its passage.

The electricians of to-day are studying the possibility of heating houses by electricity. A great part of the energy applied electrically for the purpose of lighting is dissipated in the form of heat, while only 5 per cent. of this heat is yielded in rays of light, the most being lost in the passage through conductors.

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When that time comes women will find time to plan new devices and the servant girl be a memory of the past. If electricity does not supply the actual labor, it will doubtless be a powerful factor in supplying the increasing needs of our increasing population. It which takes heavy burdens from the shoulders of overworked men and women but by its increasing utility child labor in factories should and will be done away with.

Legal Note.
A young man of about eighteen years of age had occasion to shoot a friend with whom he had personal difficulty. He was arrested and brought to Austin for trial. As he had no money to hire a lawyer, the court appointed a member of the Austin bar to defend him. As the jury was being selected, the lawyer asked his client if he knew of any cause why any of them should be challenged. "Not yet," was the whispered reply; "but if they find me guilty, I've got a brother who will challenge the last one of 'em. You can challenge the judge if you want to, but I want to attend to the sheriff myself."—Texas Sittings.

A Sad Disappointment.
First Highwayman—Why do yer look so glum, Bill?
Second Highwayman (surveying the spoils with disgust)—It's rather good, by gosh! Dat was a fatter feller than de cly we jest held up.—Judge.

A Rehearsal.
First Young Lady—What are you crying for so bitterly, my darling?
Second Ditto—'I'm only rehearsing, dear. My branch of promise case comes off to-morrow. I'm crying over it now.

NEW YORK LETTER.

Gotham Juries the Most Unruly Bio Thing in the World.

How Justice Is Administered in the Metropolis—Inspector Byrnes' Way of Interviewing Criminals—A Juror Who Gave Satisfaction to a Lawyer.

(Special New York Letter.)

It is a great many unreliable and uncertain things in this world and in New York in particular. Juror reform and yacht racing, for instance, are remarkably uncertain things to depend on. In fact there are very few things that can be implicitly relied on. In the bright lexicon of human experience there is nothing so uncertain as a jury thing, but the verdict of a New York jury in a murder case is the most mysterious and incomprehensible thing that can be imagined. You might as well try to guess the price of butter from the weight of the calf of the cow that produces the milk as to predict the verdict of a New York jury from the evidence in the case.

The good people of New York have come to the conclusion that the administration of criminal justice is more in a nature of a comedy than anything else. The bad people, by which term the criminal classes are meant, have found this out some time ago. A New York jury seems to be a body of men organized to find out which side has the smartest lawyer.

The infliction of death as a penalty for murder has been practically abolished as far as concerns what Mrs. Partington called, "the opposing sex." Of late years quite a number of females in New York, who had grievances against men, promptly rectified them by shooting large quantities in the anatomical structures of the offending representatives of the male sex with fatal results. In the last two cases sympathetic juries acquitted the fairshooters with such promptness that it would not have created surprise if the jurymen had chipped in and presented the acquitted woman with a silver-mounted pistol, properly inscribed. It may come to that yet if we keep on as we are going. After awhile it will not be safe for a man to hesitate in giving his seat in an elevated car to the standing female, and as for the male boarder asking the landlady for a second piece of pie the reckless man who contemplates trying it had better get his life insured with as little delay as possible.

In former days the landlady was not treated so gingerly. She was treated pretty much the same as if she was a man. She was loaded down with chains instead of flowers and either executed or transported to some penitentiary colony to end her miserable existence. Now she is triumphantly acquitted and receives so many offers of marriage by mail and from males that the letter carrier who has to deliver them requires a permanent curvature of the spine.

There are numerous other recent instances of New York juries finding verdicts totally at variance with the reasonable conclusions to be drawn from the evidence. Unless there is a change for the better—and there is nothing of the sort in sight at this time of writing—the arm of the law will have to be put up in a sling and kept there. The fact that the wooden goddess of justice on the New York courthouse has scales in

her hands is no sign that she has not scales over her eyes, too, when she establishes relations with the intelligent jury and the criminal lawyers for the defense. The New York court of criminal justice, as far as its practical workings are concerned, is far behind the crude administration of justice by a jury in Arizona, which found the defendant "not guilty" of stealing the horse, but recommended that he leave the town within twenty-four hours. The New York jury that acquits a guilty party makes no such recommendation. In fact the acquitted criminals stay right here, receive orations from their friends, and get their portraits in the daily papers. Somehow or other it doesn't look right.

The New York judges are learned men, and the criminal lawyers are remarkably intelligent—too intelligent in fact. The cost of trying cases makes the taxpayer's head swim, but the result is almost as unsatisfactory to the general public as were the methods employed by a raw citizen of Seguin, a small town in western Texas. A rather crude citizen was elected justice of the peace, and the only law book he had was Cushing's Manual. The first case before him was that of a cowboy for stealing a steer. When the case was called the leading lawyer of the town, Hon. John Ireland, by name, was there to defend the prisoner. "As there is no counsel for the other side," he said, "I make a motion that the case be dismissed." The justice looked over his manual. "A motion to be seconded," promptly responded the prisoner. "The motion has been seconded that the case be dismissed," said the court. "All in favor will please say 'aye.'" The prisoner and his attorney vote. "Aye." "All opposed will say 'no.'" Nobody voted. "The motion is carried and the case is dismissed," repeated the court. "A motion to adjourn is now in order." The prisoner made the motion and the court adjourned to a saloon in the vicinity.

After having observed the workings of justice in the New York

case might be adopted in New York with great advantage. It would save a great deal of time and money, and the result would be about the same as it is at present.

The average verdict in a New York murder case not only surprises the general public but it absolutely astounds even the jurymen and his attorney, unless the jurymen occasionally, so there is reason to suspect. A gentleman who has had considerable experience with the criminal courts told me how a lawyer got picked up very neatly.

There was a clear case of premeditated murder again his client. He had been guilty of a cold-blooded murder

and there were no extenuating circumstances whatever. The lawyer got a chance to whisper to one of the jurymen: "It will be \$100 in your pocket if you get the jury to bring in a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree." The jurymen winked at the lawyer, and the case went to trial. The district attorney made out even a worse case against the accused than was expected. Finally the case went to the jury, which remained out a long time, but at last brought in the desired verdict of manslaughter in the second degree. On the following day the lawyer for the convicted man paid over the \$100 to the juror, thanking him warmly for his efforts to save the lawyer's client who should have been hanged, drawn and quartered.

"Yes," responded the juror, as he placed the money in his inside pocket. "It was pretty tough work, but I got there after awhile. All the rest were in favor of acquittal."

One reason why the murderers escape conviction is the zeal of their lawyers, who leave no stone unturned to bring about an acquittal, or at least a disagreement, which practically amounts to the same thing. New York is overstocked with lawyers, and even where no fee is paid in a murder case the gratuitous advertising is a great incentive.

I am personally acquainted with a young lawyer who was admitted to the bar three years ago, and the other day he got his case. He sued his own wash-croverman, who had refused to return his other shirt, because he owed her a bill. These young lawyers are very active. As soon as the judge lays down the law nicely they jump on it.

When it comes to catching criminals New York has very superior facilities. Inspector Byrnes is one of the ablest detectives in the world. They say he can hear the grass growing, he is so sharp, and when he undertakes to find a criminal he does it. He almost always succeeds. They say he can forge a chain of evidence around the most tricky criminal.

He takes them in his private studio and converses with them in a quiet, friendly way, until they confidently tell all they know, and even a great deal more sometimes. But what is the use of catching criminals if the chivalric-headed juries turn them loose again on the community? Most of the murderers and murderers that are tried in New York feel so sure of their escape from the meshes of the law that the only time they are moved during the trial is when the sheriff moves them from the "tomb" to the courthouse in the "black Maria."

Another cause why justice miscarries so often is to be found in the inferior quality of the material of which the juries are composed. If a layman discloses the fact that he is possessed of sufficient intelligence to read the papers and form an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, he is rigidly excluded from the jury box. The juror who is allowed to take his seat in the box usually gives the following answers to the questions:

Lawyer—Are you opposed to capital punishment?
Juror—Not at all.
"Do you know what capital punishment is?"
"No."
"Do you believe that murderers should be executed?"
"I do not."
"Would the evidence control you in arriving at a verdict?"
"Not if I could help it."

His Convert.
Prof. Indur (author of "Metempsychosis," etc.)—Don't you believe in the transmigration of souls, Miss Hayne?
Miss Hayne—Yes, I believe I do; for, do you know, at times you have the poor fido had when the dog catchers were after him.—Pack.

VERY IMPROBABLE.
Griggs—Horrible thing, that murder in this morning's paper. It will fairly raise your hair when you read it.
Baldy—It may, but I don't believe it will.—Munsey's Weekly.

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PITH AND POINT.

—"What course did you take in college?" "Oh, the regular three-mile course."—Detroit Free Press.
—Cleverton—"Was Miss Griggam bored by my talk last night?" "Dear-an-way—I could not get her to say."—Truth.
—"College education? Pshaw! What good did it ever do young Cutler?" "Lots of good! Why, every ball team in the country is after him!"—Boston News.
—"If you want to see the difference between a man and a woman let them marry, and after a time there may be new difference every day."—Boston Transcript.
—"Humor is the most powerful force in the world," remarked Cusno. "How do you make that out?" asked Fangle. "It overcomes the law of gravity."—Harper's Bazar.
—"They tell me that the book-keeper of your firm is behind in his accounts; is that so?" "Mr. Tasker—" "For heaven's sake, get him out ahead. It's the company that's behind!"—Saturday Evening Herald.
—"His Chief Attraction."—Harry—"Why did you show off your muscles?" Will—"I found my best girl was getting too expensive, and have taken this method of having her give me the shake."—Brooklyn Eagle.
—"Boy (who has lost his way)."—"I say, mister, how far is it to Hampden Creek?" Man (staringly)—"Find out. I am no city directory." Boy (with acute emphasis)—"No, you ain't, you're a volume on good manners, you are!"—Gaining Strength.—Customer—"What kind of fish is this?" Waiter—"Weakfish, sir; same as you had last Friday, sir." "Well, it may have been weak fish last Friday, but it is decidedly strong fish now!"—Yonkers Statesman.
—"A man imagines that he has lots of fun in telling how difficult it is for even a woman to find her way into her own pocket, but all the varnish comes off the handle when he begins to remember how easily she gets into his pockets."—Philadelphia Times.
—"Look here," said the wrathful young lawyer, "I thought you swore to give a verdict in accordance with the facts." "Well," answered the jurymen, thoughtfully pulling his beard, "the facts didn't turn out as I expected 'em to."—Indianapolis Journal.
—"After all, in view of the fact that pretty nearly half of the matter printed in the New York dailies relates to sporting, I am not so sure that a college education is the very thing a young man needs to fit him for metropolitan journalism."—Detroit Free Press.
—"Promised His Mother He Wouldn't."—"Never use tobacco, yet." "And when he took a match and lit it his natty cigarette."—Chicago Tribune.
—"What do you suppose Aunt Quate would do if a robber came to demand her engagement ring or her life? Julia—"There'd be little difference which he took. If she lost either she'd never get another."—Jewelry's Weekly.
—"A hardworking woman was asked: 'Madame, are you a woman suffering?' "No, sir," was the answer, "I haven't time to be." "Haven't time? Well, if you had the privilege of voting, whom would you support?" "The same man I have supported for the past ten years." "And who is that?" "My husband."—Nebraska Journal.

MISPLACED INSTINCTS.
Table of the Hen that Hatched Out Ducks.
A certain Hen of advancing years had been accustomed all her life to hatch out Geese eggs. From watching her old brood take to the water to place herself on her talent as a teacher of the art of Natatorial, and standing on the edge of the Pool would make instructions to the Goslings, and chuck with a becoming sense of superiority when her sister Hens scuttled around in Horror at such actions on the part of young Fowls.

It so happened that one spring she hatched out a Brood of Chickens. Down to the Pool she marched with the flock and said: "Now, my Dears, I will teach you to Swim." But the youngsters hugged the dry Land, and seemed to fear the water. Then said the Hen: "Do you doubt my Wisdom? Swim as did your Brothers before you. Law sakes what Geese you are!"

Then she pushed them into the Water, where they sank like Hamlets, nor did they come to the surface again. "Madam," said an old Rooster, "I hope you have Tumbled to the fact that the youngsters were not such Geese as you thought them."

Moral.—This Fable, kind reader, teaches us that a Hen's instincts are apt to be Misplaced.—Charles Battell Loomis, in Pack.

Spiders Good Authority.
A good story is told on one of the weather observers, a gentleman who understands his business thoroughly and uses a great deal of practical sense in making his calculations. He was making up a forecast one evening when all the reports indicated rain the following day. He was dubious himself about the correctness of his forecast owing to an incident he had observed the same evening at his residence. In his yard there was a grape arbor, and as he was leaving home he observed a spider energetically at work spinning its web. The observer knew that the spider would never spin in the face of approaching foul weather, and whether to follow his reports or the spider was the question that puzzled him. The report, however, indicated that the spider did not know his business, and the forecast was made out as the reports suggested, a modifying and saving clause thrown in. The next day showed clearly that the spider was right and the guesswork apparatus of the forecaster wrong.—Washington Post.

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NEW SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

The London Religious Tract Society last year issued 77,000,000 publications.

The Synod of Kentucky expended last year over \$15,000 in evangelistic work, with large results, and will raise a large sum this year.

The sum of the bequests made by Mrs. Eleanor W. J. Baker, wife of the great chocolate manufacturer, to educational and charitable institutions was \$1,000,000.

According to Dr. W. H. Roberts, American statistical secretary of the Presbyterian Alliance, the Presbyterian and Reformed denominations throughout the world have 23,205,500 adherents.

The Icelandic Lutheran congregation in Manitoba and the northwestern states recently celebrated the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the translation of the Scriptures into Icelandic.

In Africa the number of missionaries exceed 500, and the number of converts 400,000, increasing by about 25,000 a year. During the past five years Africa has furnished more than 200 martyrs.—Christian Union.

Yearly returns of the Welsh Calvinists for 1930 show a communicants' roll of 182,854, an increase during the last ten years of 42,000. This includes the Welsh churches in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other parts of England.

Of the 475 ministers who left the Established church of Scotland at its disruption, forty-two are still living in Switzerland, while a few others are living in other countries. Dr. Keith, who was ordained sixty-eight years ago, is one of them.

A copy of the Bible was sold in New York the other day for \$14,500. This was not because it contained any more truth than any other copy, but because it was printed by Gutenberg in 1455—the first complete book ever printed with movable type.

The grandson and last descendant of the great educator, Pestalozzi, died recently in Zurich. This was Maj. Carl Pestalozzi, born in 1852, and for a number of years professor in the polytechnical institute in Zurich. For a long time he was president of the Zurich Pestalozzi endowment for the education of neglected children.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of Cornell university has completed the formation of the staff for the new Susan Linn Sage school of philosophy. The new school will begin instruction on the first day of the next academic year. The trustees and the dean expect to make this one of the most important departments in the university and the most complete of its kind in America.

The City Mission society of Berlin, is fortunate in having a liberal friend in the person of the emperor. For the new church in the part of the city of 200,000 "Moabit" he has granted a sum of 200,000 marks, besides securing for it a site valued from 20,000 to 30,000 marks. The first-mentioned sum the emperor did not give himself entirely, but only in part, the rest having been secured through his example and influence from wealthy men in Berlin.

Prof. Dörner, a son of the late famous teacher in the University of Berlin, has been appointed full professor in Königsberg. His chair is the same as that held by his father—namely, systematic theology. Dr. Dörner was born in 1849, and for a number of years was professor in the practical theological seminary at Wittenberg. He has written two important works, one the Church Father St. Augustine, and one on Church and the Kingdom of God.

TREMENDOUSLY AMUSING.

Wild hilarity of a Duke Who Discovered That Persons Wash for Themselves.

While in the office of an up-town hotel recently I chanced to overhear a conversation between two men which proved very amusing from subsequent developments.

Both persons in question were attired in the latest style and dowered their words with Murray Hill correctness. They also affected that peculiar vacuity of countenance innocently supposed to be fashionable in England, but which in reality exists only in a lunatic asylum or an institution for the care of the weak minded.

They were discussing a new book which dealt with some of the rough sides of life.

"It was execrably amusing," remarked one specimen, "to read of how some persons in Boston who made some pretensions socially were compelled to do their own washing. Another family couldn't dish a servant, so they did their own cooking." This seemed so "amusing" that both laughed as loudly as their weak physique and strong conventionalism would allow.

The other individual, who appeared to be in the last stages of paresis, responded with a similar anecdote, and the two wandered on into Broadway.

There was an old New Yorker in the lobby, who happened to be familiar with the antecedents of both, and he gave me some of their family history. He of the "execrably amusing" amusement formerly lived in the tenement house district, not far from Cherry Hill. His father had been a machinist's helper and earned seven dollars a week. His mother took in washing to help support the family. Later his father invented a trivial article which brought him considerable money. He invested in real estate and made a fortune. The family deserted Cherry Hill and now live on Madison avenue.

That is the history of the young gentleman who saw so much amusement in people doing their own washing. The worthy parent of the other made several contracts with the city under the Tweed ring and then retired from business.—N. Y. Herald.

He Found It Again.

Master Tommy went into the room where his sister was entertaining her lean.

"Oh, you've found it again, haven't you, Mr. Smith," he said.

"Found what, Tommy," asked Mr. Smith, blandly.

"Your head," sister said you lost your head last night when you popped to bed."

Awful silence, followed by Master Tommy's retreat from the room.—Detroit Free Press.

Signs for De Fisto.

Mrs. Dreble—My sister is going to marry that little Mr. De Fisto. Why, he's a head shorter than she is. It's awful.

—Oh, I don't know. He's

GOOD AND BAD YEARS.

An Interesting Example of the Working of the Law of Supply and Demand.

In the year 1890 the United States raised only about seven-tenths as much corn as it did in 1889, and less than five-sixths as much wheat. Were the farmers who raised and sold this crop the poorer for the decrease in the amount produced? Assuredly not; notice that I do not say all farmers, but only those who raised this grain—for it is estimated by the department of agriculture that the smaller crop of corn and wheat of the year 1890 will turn out to have been worth one hundred and fifty thousand dollars more than the large crop of 1889.

This is an interesting example of the working of the law of supply and demand. It has been repeatedly and truly said that the increase in the amount of money which the farmers received for their grain was not merely in spite of the reduction in the amount raised, but on account of it.

The crop of corn in 1889 had been the largest in nine years. It amounted to more than two thousand one hundred millions of bushels, and for this crop the farmers received an average of twenty-eight cents a bushel—the lowest average price in nine years.

The corn crop of last year, on the other hand—less than fifteen hundred million bushels—was actually the smallest for nine years, notwithstanding the many thousands of new farms that have been opened; and it is not surprising that the average price of corn should have risen to its highest figure in nine years—a little more than fifty cents a bushel.

It may appear from this that a great drought, or some other condition which makes farmers' crops small, is a blessing rather than a calamity; but it should be remembered that the picture has another side.

The "blessing in disguise" was, as we have already hinted, only a blessing to those agriculturists who succeeded in growing a crop, and had more than enough corn for sale to compensate them for the decrease in their products. Many thousands had gone to seed, and many thousands had to purchase corn or sell their stock, losing the profit which they hoped to gain from feeding the stock.

Moreover, on account of the scarcity and high price of corn, millions of half-fattened swine, which the farmers could not afford to feed, were sent to market, causing a low price of pork, and a loss in that direction even to many farmers who succeeded in raising a surplus of corn. The consumers of beef have also obtained a poorer quality than usual.

Nor, though a smaller aggregate crop may be worth more than a larger one, is it to be supposed that it is of advantage to a farmer to raise less corn or wheat than the acres he devotes to either of these crops can be made to produce.

If there is abundance, and the farmer raises a thousand bushels of wheat for which he can get only sixty cents a bushel, it is more to his advantage to have a thousand bushels to sell than it is to have only five hundred.

On the other hand, if crops are very poor, it is perfectly evident that the more wheat the farmer can raise the better off he is. It is not scarcely on his own farm that helps the farmer, but scarcity on other people's farms.

Of course in a year of light crops the number of those who suffer is vastly greater than of those who gain. For scarcity means high prices to all consumers, diminished railroad receipts, and smaller quantity for export and exchange with foreign commodities, and generally reduced surplus of savings. It is, therefore, a disaster to all except the particular persons who raise a surplus which they can sell at a high price.

It is a practice of producers of grain, sometimes not fully taken into account, to keep back as much of their crop as possible for the period when prices are best. In March, 1891, more than one-third of even the small corn crop of the year before was still on hand, and more than one-fourth of the wheat crop was still in the farmers' granaries. These proportions are considerably larger in years of abundant crops.

Meantime, whether crops are large or small, the quantity used for food steadily rises. Of the small wheat crop of 1890, more was actually consumed in the country than of the large crop of 1889; and for it the consumers paid an average price—to the farmer at his farm—of about eighty-four cents a bushel as against about seventy-nine cents for the crop of 1889.

SELECTION OF EYE-GLASSES.

A Word of Advice Concerning the Care of the Eyes.

Never purchase glasses from a peddler or a jeweler. Even opticians, except the most careful ones, practically allow the customer to make his own selection, and if he is near-sighted he commonly selects glasses which are too strong, while if he is far-sighted, he selects such as enlarge the print, or else are of too low a number, from the false idea that this will favor a longer preservation of his sight.

Many persons suffer from astigmatism, a defect which prevents the rays of light from converging at the same focus. The afflicted person is sometimes born with it, but sometimes it develops after adult age is reached. Anyone who has astigmatic eyes should consult a skillful oculist.

Sometimes there is spasm of the muscles of accommodation. In this case the person may seem to be near-sighted while really far-sighted, or greatly near-sighted while only slightly so. The oculist alone can treat such eyes.

The medical name of near-sight is myopia. In this defect the rays of light converge to a focus before reaching the retina. The opposite of this, in which the converging point is beyond the retina, is called hyperopia. Hyperopia gives rise to headaches and neuritis, from the constant strain of the muscles of accommodation in viewing distant objects. Persons afflicted with it need convex glasses, but naturally select concave ones. The glasses should be the strongest that can be worn with comfort, and should be used all the time, both far and near vision.

In myopia, the glasses should be the weakest that bring the sight to nearly normal vision when the print is at a distance of fourteen to sixteen inches. Many persons, when first fitted, are un-

that makes the vision perfect. They complain of vertigo, and objects appear small and unnatural. In such cases the strength of the glass should be decreased, even though the person does not see so well. It is desirable to wear the glasses about half an hour before deciding on them.

Old sight—presbyopia—begins about the age of forty. It is first noticed by the tendency to hold the paper further off. The glasses should not enlarge the letters, but simply render them clear and natural at the ordinary reading distance. Whatever the ocular defect, the proper glasses should be obtained as soon as it is discovered.

In addition to the above defects, there may be a weakness of one or more of the ocular muscles, with a constant strain on the weaker to make it do its full share of the work. This strain may cause severe neuralgia of the head and nervous symptoms generally. In such a case consult a skillful oculist.—Medical Classics.

SHE AND HER DOG.

One Came Out that Is of Real Importance—The Fast Made Over It.

She was a slender maiden, stately and fair to look upon, she entered a famous ladies' shop on Broadway, leading in leash a Scotch collie very much muffled and beribboned. "Have you any material to match that?" she said, pointing with pride to the canine article.

"To match what?" asked the perplexed saleslady.

"To match Jack," she answered clearly and calmly, stroking the handsome head pressed against her skirt.

Reverently against her skirt, the dog's head pressing his presence of mind by a mighty effort, the man threw down the goods and having found the exact shade of "Jack's" silky coat, the girl calmly ordered the material sent to the dressmaker, as if matching dogs were an every-day occurrence. As she turned to go she said to her companion:

"All the smart girls are going to have gowns to match their pet dogs this year, don't you know? It sounds foolish, but it isn't at all, for don't you see if you don't get the right shade you have to be brushing dog's hair off your dress all the time. Last year I had a green dress, and I just wore myself and the dress out brushing. Every where I sat down Jack had been before me, and all the hairs rubbed off the cushions on my gown. I shall never forget going to the matinee with Dick Trowers. You know he is so humane, the girl he takes out. Well, I brushed, and mamma brushed, and Katie brushed that gown, and I had it all arranged that I wouldn't sit down at all until we started, but, of course, I forgot, and off I went covered with long light hairs on my back. Really he hasn't taken me out since, and they say he is devoted to that Maxwell girl. You know she has canaries. Jack has been so sick I had to stay home from three lunches and a ball. Mamma said she just couldn't and wouldn't take the responsibility of him when he was sick. I had to refuse myself to my callers, even he was suffering so and I was so worried. I sometimes wish I had never had Jack. You do get so fond of a dog you know, and I don't like to be so fond of any thing, not even a lover, that I can't enjoy myself if he is sick. I don't suppose you will believe it, but a nice dog like Jack is just as dangerous to have in the house as a fascinating man. You can't help falling either one of them more than you want to, and more than is good for your peace of mind. The only difference is the dog is more apt to get attached to you than the man and return your devotion. And dogs are more faithful, too, if they once get fond of you. But they are a care."—N. Y. Sun.

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